

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2008. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

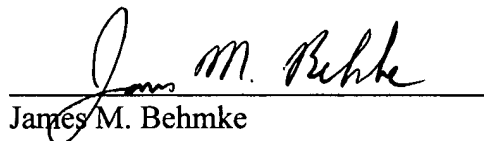
Claims 1, 3-5, 7-15, and 17-23 are in the case.

Applicant apologizes to the Examiner for not including the referenced items with the previously submitted Amendment. In particular, Applicant respectfully attaches to this Amendment copies of the foreign cited art not previously considered by the Examiner. Also, the Examiner has maintained the provisional rejection of claims 1-23 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/799,231, filed on even date as the present application. Applicant has filed herewith a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to overcome the provisional double patenting rejection should the conflicting claims be patented. Claims 1-23 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and all dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims, and therefore in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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